

# STERLING'S SOUTHERN FOURTH READER.

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## LESSON I.

### *Spell and define—*

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| 1. A-PART'MENT, a division of a house. | 5. DIS-CON-CERT'ED, confused.        |
| GLARE, dazzling light.                 | 6. RE-AS-SURED', relieved from fear. |
| 3. MO-NOT'O-NY, sameness.              | 7. DE-CI'PHER, to read and explain.  |
| HUD'DLED, crowded together.            | 8. GLIS'TEN, to shine.               |
| 4. JO-COSE'LY, in jest.                | 9. DRAFT'ED, drawn by lot.           |

### THE THREE READERS.

1. It is related of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, that as he once sat in his private apartment, a written petition was brought to him, with the request that it should be immediately read. The king had just returned from hunting, and the glare of the sun, or some other cause, had so affected his eyesight, that he found it difficult to make out a single word of the manuscript.

2. His private secretary happened to be absent; and the soldier who brought the petition could not tell the first letter of the alphabet from the last. There was a page, or favored boy-servant, in attendance in the corridor; and upon him the king called. The page was a son of one of